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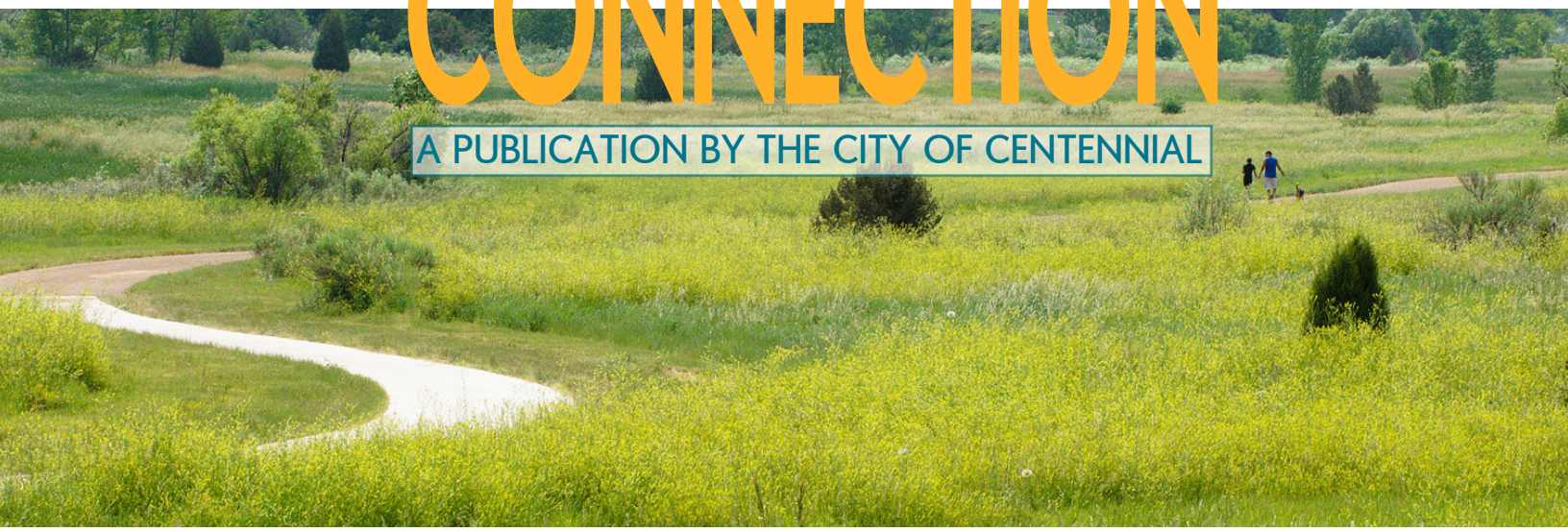

SUMMER STARTS HERE

AT CENTENNIAL CENTER PARK

CENTENNIAL CENTER PARK HOURS

May 1 – October 3	November 1 – April 30
5 a.m. – 10 p.m.	6 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Let the fun begin!
The SPLASH PAD at Centennial Center Park opens Memorial Day weekend and will operate from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. through Labor Day. Temporary changing rooms will be located near the splash pad this summer to shorten the line to the restrooms for those looking for a place to change into swimming suits.

Centennial Center Park is perfect for celebrations and reservations are filling up fast. The Park is equipped with picnic tables, restrooms, six barbeque grills, trash receptacles, ample parking and several bike racks. When planning your visit to the Park, please be aware the following items are prohibited unless a permit is issued by the City:

- Alcoholic beverages
- Selling goods or services
- Amplified sound
- Tents more than 25 square feet (not larger than 5 X 5)
- Stages, obstacle courses, inflatable toys, jumpers, etc.
- Smoking is only allowed in designated areas

CHALK ART FESTIVAL 2016

CHALK UP A SPONSORSHIP

Join us as talented artists bring masterpieces to life at your feet at the Centennial Chalk Art Festival on September 24 - 25! For just $300 you can sponsor an artist, and have your business name or logo included above their original artwork.

LEARN MORE
centennialco.gov/events

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CENTENNIAL CENTER PARK

SUMMER IN THE PARK 2016

Admission to all events is free with the exception of the Centennial Brew-N-Que, BBQ & Beer Tasting Festival. Food and beverages will be available for purchase at all events.

SUMMER KICKOFF

Saturday, June 4
6 - 10 p.m.

Kickoff your summer with a free concert featuring the U.S. Air Force Academy Band the "Falconaires". Enjoy live music, bounce houses and a K9 demonstration by the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office.

SAVOR centennial

3rd Thursdays this Summer
5: 30 – 8 p.m.

Join us in the park for a relaxing series of food trucks, beverages and live music from local musicians.

June 16 | music by Urban Kind
July 21 | music by Branden Sipes
August 18 | music by Jason Vigil

CAR SHOW & movie night

Saturday, June 25
6 - 10 p.m.

The City's first ever Car Show will feature an exciting collection of classic and exotic cars followed by live music by Six Foot Joe & The Red Hot Rhinos and an outdoor screening of *Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip* (rated PG). Live music begins at 7 p.m.; movie starts at dusk.

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Centennial Center Park | 13050 E. Peakview Avenue

For more information, visit centennialco.gov/events or call 303.325.8000

CENTENNIAL CENTER PARK

SUMMER IN THE PARK 2016

BREW-N-QUE BBQ & BEER TASTING FESTIVAL

Saturday, July 16
4 - 9 p.m.

The City's first ever BBQ & Beer Tasting Festival will feature local breweries; and BBQ food trucks sponsored by Roaming Hunger. All ages are welcome. Must be 21 or older to participate in the beer tasting. Cost for beer tasting: $15 wristband for 10, 3 oz. sample tastings. Wristbands may be purchased in advance any time after June 15, by visiting the City's website at centennialco.gov/events.

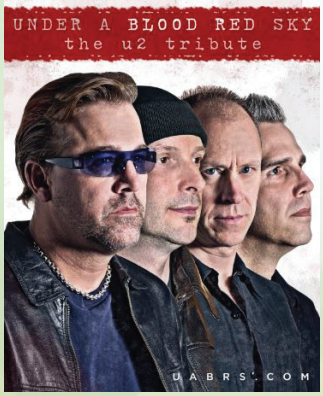
CENTENNIAL UNDER the STARS

CONCERT & LASER LIGHT SHOW

sponsored by
Chick-fil-A Greenwood Village
& Embassy Suites

Saturday, August 13
6 - 10 p.m.

Don't miss this 11th annual event featuring live music from indie rock band The Redlands, Chemistry Club and headlined by ***UNDER A BLOOD RED SKY - The U2 Tribute*** - it's sure to be a blast! Enjoy live music, activities for the whole family and a dazzling laser light show!



MUSIC & MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, August 26
7 - 10 p.m.

Join us for an evening of music by The Modniks, a 60's era cover band, followed by a screening of a sure favorite - *The Princess Bride* (rated PG). Live music begins at 7 p.m.; movie starts at dusk.

CENTENNIAL CHALK ART FESTIVAL

September 24 & 25
Saturday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m | Sunday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Join us for a colorful weekend as talented artists bring masterpieces to life right at your feet!

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Residents of Holly Creek Retirement Community

AGING WELL IN CENTENNIAL

MAY is Older Americans Month

In 1963, we began to acknowledge the contributions of older people by using the month of May to celebrate Older Americans Month (OAM). Led by the Administration for Community Living, the annual observance offers the opportunity to learn about, support and celebrate our nation's older citizens. This year's theme, "Blaze a Trail," emphasizes the ways older adults are reinventing themselves through new work passions, engaging their communities and blazing a trail of positive impact on the lives of people of all ages.

While the Centennial Senior Commission provides resources and opportunities to older adults year-round, OAM 2016 will raise awareness about important issues facing older adults and highlight the ways that older Americans are advocating for themselves, their peers and their communities. The Senior Commission has partnered with the Arapahoe County Library District to promote resources that pertain to senior interests. Check out the special displays at your local library and pick-up a personal health information card to put on your refrigerator. You can also visit the City's new volunteer web page to learn about local non-profits and Centennial residents who are making a difference in our community. Find more at centennialco.gov/volunteerstories.

LEARN MORE
centennialco.gov/seniors
oam.acl.gov

The Senior Commission recently volunteered its time by delivering meals with TLC Meals on Wheels. Left to right: Commissioner Nancy Caporale, Commissioner Susan Pye, Commissioner Carol Race, Commissioner Nancy Forsythe, Commissions Coordinator Kelly Brady, Ex-Officio Member Linda Haley, Commissioner John Dietrich and Commissioner Chris O'Mara.

HONORING EXTRAORDINARY YOUTH

CENTENNIAL'S ANNUAL YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Pictured above, L-R: Dylan Van Denend, Youth Commissioner Hudson McClellan, Lucy Lawrence, Abigail Wist, Commissioner Caitlyn Holt, Commissioner Edwina Maben, Nicholas Harguth-Galyas, Commissioner Julia Arnese, Haylee Blach, Mayor Cathy Noon, Robert Berglund, Council Member Stephanie Piko, Commissioner Delwin Maben, Commissioner Jackson Daichendt, Commissioner Chloe Ashworth, Mayor Pro Tem and Council Member C.J. Whelan, Council Member Mark Gotto, Council Member Doris Truhlar, Council Member Kathy Turley, Council Member Ken Lucas, SAFEbuilt Colorado Operations Manager Eric Pendley, Council Member Carrie Penaloza and Council Member Candace Moon.

Six outstanding Centennial high school students were recognized by the Centennial Youth Commission and SAFEbuilt with Youth Achievement Awards in April. These awards are given to Centennial youth who have made a significant contribution to the City or its residents, demonstrated the potential to become leaders in their future, and exhibited strength of character, emotional maturity, integrity and stability.

The students who received a $500 scholarship in 2016 are Brittany Berglund, Haylee Blach, Nicholas Harguth-Galyas, Lucy Lawrence, Dylan Van Denend and Abigail Wist.

BRITTANY BERGLUND, a Cherry Creek High School senior, has volunteered for the Children's Museum of Denver and the Marisco Campus Low Sensory program, where she trains other volunteers. She is the winner of the President's Volunteer Service Award and has served as a tutor for Beyond the Bell, the Avid Program and at Pine Ridge Elementary School.

HAYLEE BLACH, a Regis High School senior, has volunteered at the Salvation Army, Feed My Starving Children, Place Bridge Academy, the Ronald McDonald House, Food Bank of the Rockies and Newborns in Need. She also went on a mission trip to Nicaragua to build a house for a single mother and her children. Haylee enjoys mentoring special needs athletes through the Project Unify basketball team.

NICHOLAS HARGUTH–GALYAS, an Arapahoe High School senior, has volunteered for the Denver Rescue Mission, Feed My Starving Children and Operation Christmas Child. Nicholas also sponsors a child in Rwanda through World Vision and helped start an organization that provides moral and financial support to schools affected by school shootings. Nicholas is currently working as a volunteer with the Jiminy Wicket organization to pair students with Alzheimer's patients to create a safe environment to play croquet.

LUCY LAWRENCE, an Arapahoe High School junior, has been a mentor and friend to an elementary student with Reactive Attachment Disorder and a classmate with autism. Lucy mentors middle school girls through the program, Girl Talk, and volunteers with Family Promise, a group that helps homeless families and children. She also forgoes a birthday party every year and instead enlists her friends to volunteer.

DYLAN VAN DENEND, an Arapahoe High School senior, has volunteered for Habitat for Humanity, helped in the kitchen of Café 180 serving the homeless and has been an instructor for a Kompound for Women's Self Defense Class. His greatest community service joy comes from serving people with disabilities. After graduation, he hopes to pursue a career in nursing.

ABIGAIL WIST, a senior at Regis High School, is a member of the National Charity League. She has volunteered at Project C.U.R.E., Fresh Harvest Food Bank, Newborns in Need, Project Angel Heart, the Holly Creek Community Center and served as an elementary school tutor. Abigail also helped teach impoverished youth during a mission trip to Belize.

STATE OF OUR CITY

MAYOR NOON SHARES ABOUT THEN & NOW

At the 12th Annual State of Our City event last month, Mayor Cathy Noon shared a presentation detailing Centennial's milestones since our beginning in 2001. "We have gone from learning to leading, while remaining a responsive, intentional government," said Mayor Noon. "The vision of those who formed Centennial remains the same, and we will continue to serve our residents." Watch the Mayor's State of Our City speech and presentation online at centennialco.gov/stateofcentennial.

Left: Mayor Cathy Noon speaks to an audience of Centennial community members and partners at the 12th Annual State of Our City, sponsored by the Centennial Rotary Club.

AWARD-WINNING TECHNOLOGY

CITY'S GIS TECHNOLOGY EFFORTS RECOGNIZED

In late April, Derek Stertz, GIS Supervisor for the City of Centennial, received the 2015 Distinguished Service Award from the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) for the Planimetric Project. This project takes elevations using a sophisticated survey technology program called LiDAR. These measurements are then turned into extremely accurate and measureable shapes such as roads, sidewalks, building rooftops and medians. The results can then be used, for example, to help design the placement of projects such as the potential Dry Creek Light Rail Pedestrian Bridge. The partnership with DRCOG helps the City save money and be accurate in the development of design and programs for Public Works projects throughout the City.

Council Member Carrie Penaloza, Centennial GIS Supervisor Derek Stertz and Council Member Stephanie Piko at the annual DRCOG Awards Celebration.

Congratulations to Derek and the City's GIS staff for being recognized for this effort!

MAINTAINING OUR ROADS

STREET REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The City is dedicated to keeping our roads safe and in good condition. Council shows this commitment by continuing to allocate $6.6 million for street rehabilitation.

The 2016 street rehab program will start in late May/early June. Visit the City's website at centennialco.gov/streetrehab to see if your street is included in the 2016 program. Residents living adjacent to or near a project will receive a notification letter from the City four to six weeks before construction begins on their street. Within 24 to 48 hours prior to the work beginning, residents will receive a door hanger listing the specific days and times work will occur. "No Parking" signs may be placed on streets during this time. Please do not park in these zones or work may be delayed and take longer to complete.

CITY SAFETY UPDATES

NEW UNIFORMS

Arapahoe County Sheriff Dave Walcher

After more than 60 years of wearing the same uniform, with few changes, the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office is wearing a different look. The change not only modernizes the look of the agency, but is also a cost savings to taxpayers. Deputies are wearing an all-black uniform with the patch reflecting the history as the first Sheriff's Office in the state and includes the rank of each deputy. The new uniform gives deputies a more recognizable look as law enforcement personnel, and a look that is consistent with other agencies in the area.

SAVE THE DATE

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT CELEBRATION	SHERIFF'S OFFICE OPEN HOUSE & PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Tuesday, August 2 5:30 – 8 p.m. Centennial Center Park 13050 E. Peakview Ave.	Saturday, August 13 8 a.m. – Noon 13101 E. Broncos Pkwy

CRIME PREVENTION TRAINING OFFERED

The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) provides a variety of crime prevention programs, including the Business Watch Program, Active Threat Training, and Emergency Response training. If your business or HOA is interested in learning more, please contact the Crime Prevention Unit at crd@arapahoegov.com or call 720-874-3750. Centennial residents and business owners can also receive hands-on training at the new Active Shooter Response Training Center located at 6649 S. Paris Street. This Training Center is privately operated and affiliated with the Centennial Gun Club (not ACSO). For more information, visit centennialco.gov/biznewsroom.

FIREWORKS IN CENTENNIAL

NEW REGULATIONS

Centennial residents may now use and possess certain "permissible fireworks," limited only to those that do not explode, leave the ground or fly through the air. For example, sparklers, cones, snakes and fountains are now allowed. The decision to allow certain types of fireworks is consistent with the State of Colorado and Arapahoe County and was made after reviewing feedback received from Centennial citizens and discussions with the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office and Fire Districts. The City also conducted a citizen survey, and 69 percent of respondents were in favor of updating the City's current fireworks regulations to allow for the use and possession of "permissible fireworks."

The sale of all forms of fireworks in Centennial continues to be prohibited. The use and possession of all forms of fireworks will continue to be prohibited in parks and open spaces in the City.

Remember, fireworks can be dangerous.
Please be safe and responsible.

Here are a few safety tips to keep in mind when using those limited types of fireworks now permitted within Centennial:

- Read and follow directions.
- Use only under adult supervision (18 years or older).
- Buy from reliable fireworks vendors within the State of Colorado.
- Ignite fireworks outdoors on a cement area.
- Make sure you are at least 15-20 feet away from anything that can catch fire.
- Have a bucket of water or hose nearby.
- Never experiment or attempt to make your own fireworks.
- Only light one firework at a time.
- Never re-ignite malfunctioning fireworks or stick your face close up to see if it worked.
- Never give fireworks to small children.
- Never aim or throw fireworks at another person.
- Soak your used fireworks in a bucket of water overnight before throwing them away.

LET THE REMODELING BEGIN

GET MONEY BACK FOR HOME IMPROVEMENT

Taking on a home remodel project this summer? Don't miss your chance to make the most of your repair and remodel dollars through Centennial's new and improved Home Improvement Program or "HIP". The City has fine-tuned the existing program to be easier for homeowners to apply, with a greater return on their investment.

The upgraded Home Improvement Program offers qualified homeowners cash rebates of up to $300, based on the value of their project. HIP aims to increase property values, energy efficiency and the vibrancy of Centennial neighborhoods. Eligible projects include: home renovations, home additions, siding, windows, doors and the replacement of shake roofs with safer roof materials. Your home must be built prior to 1990 to qualify.

HIP will continue to provide homeowners with the tools they need to ensure projects are completed properly and safely.

Funds are limited so apply today!
Visit centennialco.gov/HIP for more information about the program and additional resources.

HIP
HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

PROJECT LEVEL	PROJECT VALUATION	REBATE AMOUNT
Tier 1	$5,000 - $10,000	$100
Tier 2	$10,001 - $15,000	$200
Tier 3	$15,001 +	$300

It's now easier than ever to apply.

1. Submit a completed building permit application, plans (if applicable), and a signed HIP Terms and Conditions agreement.
2. After final inspection, submit a HIP reimbursement form for approval.
3. Receive a reimbursement check from the City's Finance Department.

HOMEOWNERS' WORKSHOPS

DECK WORKSHOP	SAFETY WORKSHOP
Saturday, June 11 Centennial Civic Center 8 a.m. – Noon	Saturday, July 16 Centennial Civic Center 8 a.m. – Noon

SAVE ON TAXES

DON'T FORGET YOUR BUILDING PERMIT

If you are planning a home improvement project, you can avoid being taxed twice by following one simple step: bring your building permit when shopping for building supplies.

All renovation and remodeling projects in Centennial that involve the purchase of construction materials are subject to the City's use tax of 2.5 percent and Arapahoe County's use tax of .25 percent. The use taxes are paid when the general contractor/homeowner applies for a building permit with the City, and those taxes are estimated based on the valuation of the project.

To avoid paying use tax on the materials again, the general contractor/homeowner must present their City-issued building permit to the materials supplier. The document — with the amount of use tax paid displayed on it — provides an exemption from City and County taxes during the purchase of supplies (state tax on materials still applies).

ARAPAHOE/I-25 CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT DETAILS AND UPDATES

The design and replacement of the existing I-25 bridge over Arapahoe Road is underway along with other improvements to the interchange to reduce congestion and improve traffic operations and safety.

Commuters should expect nightly lane restrictions (8 p.m. to 5:30 a.m.) on north and southbound I-25 between Belleview Avenue and County Line Road including various ramp closures. Lanes will be restricted on east and westbound Arapahoe Road between Dayton Street and Syracuse Way/Spruce Street (7 p.m.to 5:30 a.m.) for median work, to set barriers and restripe. These overnight impacts will occur for the next several months.

Typical Daytime Lane Configuration During Construction:

- Five through-lanes on northbound and southbound I-25
- Three through-lanes on Arapahoe Road
- Single left turn lanes on Arapahoe Road and Yosemite Street

Please allow extra time for your commute, adhere to speed reductions on I-25 and Arapahoe Road and avoid distractions. Alternate routes are advised.

*Many construction activities are weather dependent and subject to change.

For details on the project background and planned improvements, visit www.coloradodot.info/projects/I25-Arapahoe or call the Project Hotline at 720.580.2525. Sign up for project updates by emailing: dot_i25arapahoe@state.co.us

SUMMER YARDWORK

KEEPING YARDS SAFE AND WITHIN CODE

Many of us will begin working in our yards now that summer is here. In the interest of helping others stay safe, every property owner is responsible for inspecting their landscaping to ensure encroaching shrubs do not force people into the street and that branches do not hang lower than eight feet over a pedestrian path, or 16 feet above a roadway. Low-hanging branches can scrape someone on the head, or knock a bicyclist off a bike. Low-hanging branches and encroaching shrubs create a safety hazard for the community and are a violation of the Centennial Municipal Code. Please contact Code Compliance at 303.325.8000 with any questions or concerns you might have.

CONTACT US

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FACEBOOK	Facebook.com/CentennialGov
TWITTER	@centennialgov
INSTAGRAM	@centennialgov
PHONE	303.325.8000
LOCATION	Centennial Civic Center 13133 E. Arapahoe Road Centennial, CO 80112
HOURS	M - F 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (excluding holidays)

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DISTRICT E–NEWSLETTERS
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CUSTOMER SERVICE SURVEY
centennialco.gov/survey

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION
arapahoesheriff.org | southmetro.org

For information regarding accommodations for individuals with disabilities, please visit centennialco.gov.

Starting in May, PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION meetings will begin at 6 p.m. (instead of 7 p.m.). Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at the Centennial Civic Center. If there are no agenda items, the scheduled meeting will be cancelled so please visit the City's website to confirm.

JOIN US FOR noon hour WITH THE MAYOR

Every Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m., Mayor Cathy Noon is at the Centennial Civic Center to speak with citizens about ideas, concerns, questions or just about anything that's on your mind. Stop by and say hello!

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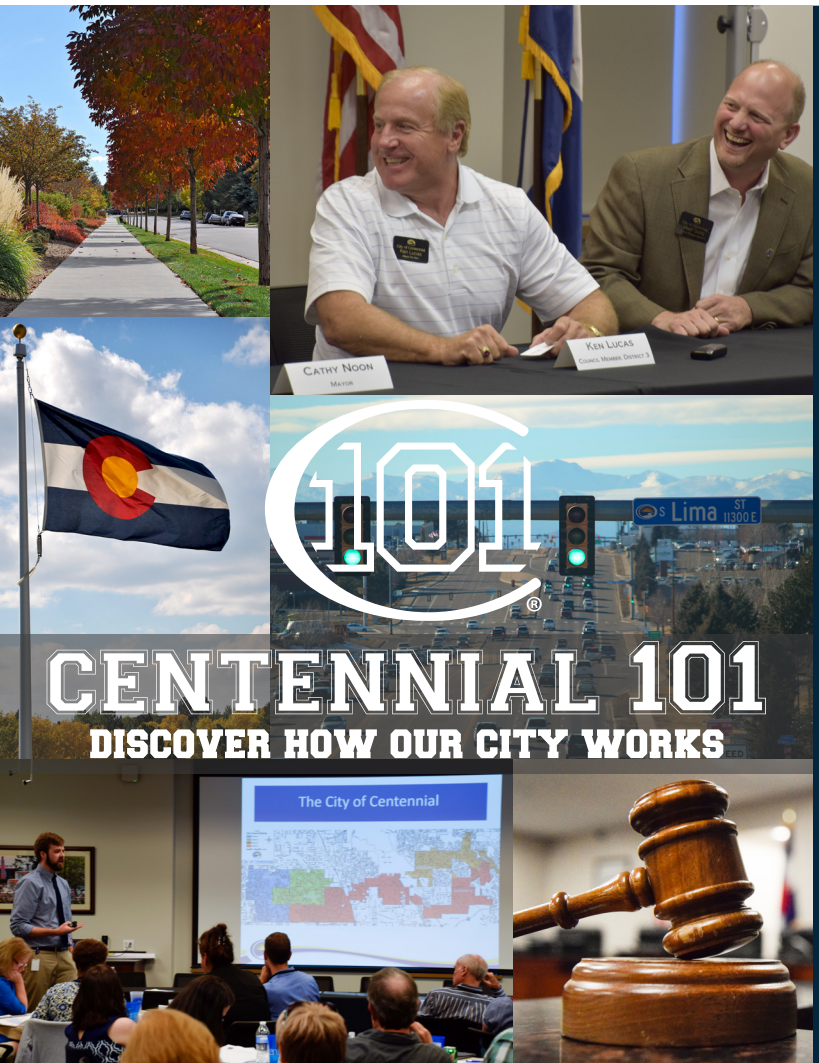

Join us Thursdays, August 25 through October 10 from 5:30 – 9 p.m., for **CENTENNIAL 101**, a FREE program to discover how our City works. Applications will be available June 15 – July 1 at centennialco.gov/centennial101.

AUGUST 25	Introduction to Centennial
SEPTEMBER 1	Where Your Tax Dollars Go
SEPTEMBER 8	A Look at City Planning
SEPTEMBER 15	Roads & Public Infrastructure
SEPTEMBER 22	Public Safety
SEPTEMBER 29	Life Safety: Fire & Building
OCTOBER 6	How to Get Involved
OCTOBER 10	Graduation Ceremony at the City Council Meeting

For more information, contact Kelly Ohaver, Program Manager, at kohaver@centennialco.gov.